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**WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations**

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As advocates for Asian Americans and underserved minorities across the United States, we are pleased to submit these comments in strong support of the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile.

The reason for our support is simple: we believe the merger will result in far greater access to the fastest wireless broadband by Asian Americans and all Americans than if the combination of the companies is not permitted to occur.

Increased access to high-speed wireless networks is particularly important for the Asian American community. A study by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life project found that English-speaking Asian Americans are more likely than other ethnic groups to be online everyday and to make that connection wirelessly. As a critical part of the merger, AT&T has pledged many billions of dollars to improve wireless service in urban and rural areas and bring 4G LTE to millions more Americans. As leading adopters of wireless broadband, the Asian American community will be among the first to benefit from these investments.

We believe that all Americans—including underserved minorities—will benefit from this expansion of service that will make service more reliable, particularly in cities where many large and diverse communities of Asian-Americans live. That's why we support the merger. AT&T's long history and commitment to diversity also includes its employees and suppliers. The company has a long history of spending billions of dollars each year with minority suppliers and winning a number of awards recognizing its deep commitment to diversity. Asian Americans make up approximately 5% of AT&T's workforce, which is proportional with our representation in the overall United States' population.

In closing, we believe that this merger is consistent the Commission's efforts in "promoting competition, innovation, and investment in broadband services and facilities." It will benefit the Asian American Community and the nation.

We thank you for careful consideration of this matter.

*C.C. Yin*  
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